

The Charlotte Connection

Newsletter of the Charlotte Partnership and Data Services Program

Bureau of the Census

Census 2000 Summary File 3

Summary File 3 has been released! This data file presents in-depth population and housing data collected on a sample basis from the Census 2000 long form questionnaire, also known as "Sample Data" because they are obtained from questions asked of a sample (generally 1-in-6) of persons and housing units. The file also includes sample weighted topics from the short form, 100-percent data [age, race, sex, Hispanic or Latino origin, tenure (whether a housing unit is owner- or renter-occupied) and vacancy status]. It includes population totals for ancestry groups and selected characteristics for a limited number of race and Hispanic or Latino categories. Geographic areas included on the file are the U.S., regions, divisions, states, counties, county subdivisions, places, census tracts, block groups, metropolitan areas, urban areas, American Indian and Alaska Native areas, tribal subdivisions, Hawaiian homelands, Congressional Districts and zip codes. The data are available on the Internet or on CD-ROM and DVD for purchase from Customer Service at 301/763-INFO (4636).

Data are provided on the following Census 2000 subjects not previously released in Summary Files 1 and 2:

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Our mission is to be the preeminent collector and provider of timely, relevant, and quality data about the people and economy of the



United States

Population

- Ability to speak English
- Ancestry
- Citizenship status
- Class of worker
- Disability
- Farm Residence
- Educational attainment
- Employment status
- Grandparents as caregivers
- Income in 1999
- Industry
- Journey to work (commuting)
- Language spoken at home
- Marital status
- Migration
- Occupation
- Place of birth
- Place of work
- Poverty status in 1999
- School enrollment
- Veteran status
- Work status in 1999
- Year of entry

Housing

- Heating Fuel
- Bedrooms
- Kitchen facilities
- Mortgage status
- Plumbing
- Real estate taxes
- Rooms
- Selected monthly owner costs
- Telephone service
- Units in structure
- Value of home or monthly rent
- Vehicles available
- Year moved into residence
- Year structure built

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Census 2000 Summary File 4

Beginning April 29, 2003, the Census Bureau began releasing the Census 2000 Summary File 4 (SF4) data on a state-by-state flow basis, with a national file scheduled to follow at the end of this process. SF4 includes tabulations of the population and housing data collected from a sample of the population.

The tables on SF4 will be iterated for a selected list of race and Hispanicor Latino-origin groups, for American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, as well as for ancestry groups. Various Quick Tables and Geographic Comparison Tables will be derived from SF4.

Description of SF4 Characteristics:

SF4 data consist of 323 tables of social, economic, and housing characteristics compiled from a sample of approximately 19 million housing units (about 1-in-6 households) that received and answered the Census 2000 long form. Each table is repeated for 336 population groups: total population, 132 race groups, 78 American Indian and Alaska native tribal categories (reflecting 39 individual tribes), 39 Hispanic- or Latino-origin groups and 86 ancestry groups. The presentation of any of the 336 SF4 population groups must meet a minimum population threshold, (see chapter 1 of the technical documentation). These data sequence down to the census tract level for the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Accessing the Data You Need

The easiest way to access Census 2000 data is to view and retrieve it from the Internet.

The Census Bureau has several pages on the web. The URL http://www.census.gov is the main page and contains an extremely large amount of information from the Census Bureau as well as a link to the Census 2000 database.

The Census 2000 data as well as data from the 1997 Economic Censuses and various surveys may also be found on the page called the American Fact-Finder, which is a link on the main page or may be accessed by going directly to URL http://factfinder.census.gov

The third website is designed specifically for members of Congress and their staffs and provides census data by Congressional district. The URL is http://fastfacts.census.gov

Population Subjects Included on SF4

- School enrollment
- Educational attainment
- Marital status
- Grandparents as caregivers
- Veterans status
- Industry
- Disability status
- Foreign Born
- Ancestry
- Residence in 1995
- Nativity and place of birth
- Occupation
- Language spoken at home
- Employment status
- Poverty status
- Citizenship and year of entry
- Class of worker
- Income in 1999
- Commuting to work

Housing Subjects Included on SF4

- Units in structure
- Year structure built
- Number of rooms
- Number of bedrooms
- Year moved into unit
- Number of vehicles
- Heating fuel source
- Plumbing/kitchen facilities
- Occupants per room
- Mortgage status/owner costs
- Owner cost—percent of income
- Gross rent
- Gross rent—percent of income

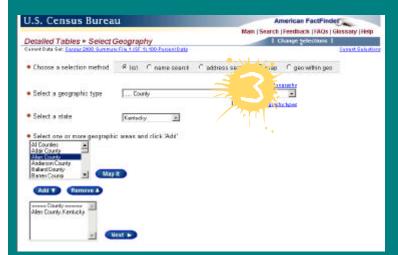
Geographic Areas on State Files

- Nation
- States
- Counties
- County subdivisions
- Places
- Census tracts
- Hawaiian home lands
- State part of : American Indian/Alaska native areas, Metropolitan areas and urban areas

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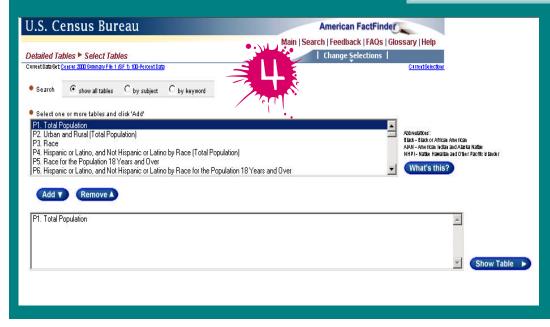
A Brief Overview of Using American FacfFinder







- 1. Select Date Set
- 2. In this dialog box "Select from the following options"
- 3. Detailed Tables > Select Geography: Select a geographic type from the spin box and then make corresponding selections from the pop-up dialog boxes then complete selection by highlighting desired geography and pressing the "add" button, then bit the "payt" button.
- ton, then hit the "next" button.
 4. Detailed Tables ▶ Select Tables: Select desired table(s) by highlighting and hitting the "add" button. After selection is made hit the "Show Table" button.



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The Other Nine Years

With the completion of Census 2000, many Americans believe the Census Bureau's work is complete. They are unaware of the many important surveys that the Census Bureau does consistently throughout the decade.

The Census Bureau has staff in 12 regional offices across the nation to manage its current economic and demographic survey operations.

Surveys are used because it simply costs too much and takes too long to ask every household the same set of questions.

Throughout the decade, we continually conduct surveys to produce a general view and comprehensive study of the United States' social and economic conditions.

The Charlotte Regional Office has a staff of professional field representatives who gather data either in person or by phone. These field representatives collect information from households and businesses across the five states covered by the Charlotte office—Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Some, but not all, of the surveys conducted by the Census Bureau are the Current Population Survey, the National Crime Victimization Survey, the Consumer Expenditure Survey, the Survey of Income and Program Participation, the National Health Interview Survey and the Survey of Construction.

We also conduct the American Community Survey, which is a new approach for collecting accurate, timely information needed for critical government functions. This new approach provides accurate, up-to-date profiles of America's communities every year. Community leaders and other data users will have timely information for planning and evaluating public programs for everyone from newborns to the elderly. While the American Community Survey is currently conducted only in a sample of counties in the Nation, full implementation is planned in every county pending Congressional funding and would replace the long form of the decennial census questionnaire.

Population Estimates Program

The Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program publishes population numbers between censuses. Estimates usually are for the past, while projections are estimates of the population for future dates. We publish July 1 estimates for years after the last decennial census (2000), as well as for past decades. Data series for births, deaths, and domestic and international migration are used to update the decennial census base counts. These estimates are used in federal funding allocations, as denominators for vital rates and per capita time series, as survey controls, and in monitoring recent demographic changes.

With each new issue of July 1 estimates, we revise estimates for years back to the last census. Previously published estimates are superseded and archived. To access the most recent population estimates from the Census Bureau Internet page at www.census.gov, click on People—Estimates.

Schedule of New Estimates

Population Detail:	Latest Data Avail- able	Date of Next Release
State & Puerto Rico Commonwealth population and demographic components of population change	7/1/2002	12/2003 (7/2003 data)
County population and demographic components of population change	7/1/2002	Spring 2004 (7/2003 data)
Puerto Rico municipio population and demographic components of population change	7/1/2002	Spring 2004 (7/2003 data)
National population by age-sex-race-Hispanic origin	7/1/2002	Spring 2004 (7/2003 data)
State population by age-sex-race-Hispanic origin	7/1/1999	Summer 2003 (7/2002 data)
State & county housing units	7/1/2001	Summer 2003 (7/2002 data)
County population by age-sex-race-Hispanic origin	7/1/1999	Summer 2003 (7/2002 data)
Place and County Subdivisions population	7/1/1999	Summer 2003 (7/2002 data)
Metropolitan & micropolitan statistical area population and estimated components of population change	7/1/1999	Fall 2003 (7/2002 data)

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he Partnership and Data Services program reflects the Census Bureau's commitment to continuing and expanding upon more than 140,000 organizational partnerships established during Census 2000. It is an innovative and aggressive data dissemination program that reaches virtually every segment of the American population.

Partnership and Data Services staff members are providing data information services and products and continuing contact with Census 2000 partners. They are actively engaged in providing data workshops, seminars, and site visits with state, local, and tribal governments, community based organizations, small businesses, rural community groups, inner city neighborhood associations, media organizations, national affiliates, and faith-based organizations. These relationships will assist the Census Bureau in conducting the most efficient, accurate and representative current surveys, while equitably disseminating data among traditional and non-traditional data users.

As one of our Partners, we need to ensure we have up-to-date information for you and your organization. Please take a moment to complete the form below and return in the postage paid envelope or send an email with the information to charlotte.PDSP@census.gov. If preferred, you may also fax the completed form to 704-344-6127.

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Please note our new telephone numbers

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